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West Valley City Mourns Victims, Celebrates Survivors During Domestic Violence Awareness Month

West Valley City – On November 11, 1993, 31-year-old Micki was strangled to unconsciousness then shot and killed by her live-in boyfriend; she was killed in front of her five-year-old daughter. Micki is one of more than 40 domestic violence victims represented by life-size silhouettes at West Valley City Hall from October 15th through 18th as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

These activities were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors but had common themes: mourning those who have died because of domestic violence, celebrating those who have survived, and connecting those who work to end violence.

In addition to the Silent Witness display, a candlelight march and Domestic Violence Awareness Program will mourn victims and celebrate the survivors of domestic violence. On October 16, at 5:15 p.m., a candlelight march will begin at the northwest corner of the Valley Fair Mall parking lot (3500 South 2700 West), and will proceed to West Valley City Hall (3600 South 2700 West). A brief program will begin at West Valley City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

For more information about West Valley City Victim Services, call 963-3223.

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